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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## Northholm Grammar Rural Fire Service Cadets graduate

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Thirteen students from Northholm Grammar School in Arcadia have been presented with graduation certificates after successfully completing the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Secondary Schools Cadet Program.

Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers presented the cadets with their graduation certificates during a ceremony held today at the school.

"This is the first time Northholm Grammar students have participated in the program which was open to students from year eight. The participants benefit from valuable lessons about fire behaviour and safety, as well as developing leadership and team work skills.

"These 13 young people have not only been taught important fire safety information throughout the program, they have also shown great commitment and determination," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

"This program would not have been as successful if it wasn't for the dedication and assistance of local NSW RFS staff and volunteers who shared their skills and knowledge with these cadets, and of course the principal, teachers and staff from Northholm Grammar."

Deputy Commissioner Rogers congratulated the students, describing them as a credit to their school and the local community.

"Through the Cadet Program, these students have been given an insight into the NSW RFS and its ideals of community service, dedication and team work, along with the rewards of volunteering.

"The Service is proud to pass on these traditions to the next generation through the Secondary Schools Cadet Program, and I'm pleased to hear that many of these graduates intend to build on their new skills by joining their local NSW RFS brigade."

Deputy Commissioner Rogers said that more than 3,000 students across the state had successfully completed the NSW RFS Secondary Schools Cadet Program since its launch six years ago.

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